



ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, 10:00am

# First Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather – *offered by Four Season Brass Quintet*

## Gathering

\* **Congregational Introit:** “Holy One May Your Presence Here”  
TLUS #151

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Recognition of the Land**

**Welcome**

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Centring Music**

**Call to Worship**

This is the Day our God has made.  
**And we will rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Let us, with joy in our hearts, worship God.

\* **Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” VU #232

**Opening Prayer**

## Listening

**Learning With Our Children**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

\***Hymn:** “Make a Joyful Noise” – Psalm 100 VU #820

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**Exodus 15: 1-3; 13; 17-21** – *The Joyous Song of Moses & Miriam*

**Psalm 150 - VU page 874 (responsive)-** *Praise for God’s Joyous Surpassing Greatness*

**Hebrews 11: 29-34; 12: 1-2** – *The Joyous Faith of our Ancestors*

**Matthew 13: 18 – 23** – *The Parable of the Sower – Joy in Faith*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** *offered by Four Season Brass Quintet*

**Message:** **Joy: a faithful act in a fractured world**  
*By Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte*

\***Hymn:** “Sing Your Joy” VU #253

## Celebrating

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Music:** *offered by Four Season Brass Quintet*

\***Offertory Hymn:** “We Praise You, O God” VU #218 vs.1

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

**Spirit of grace and power, bless these gifts today that they accomplish the work needed in Jesus' name. We offer ourselves so that our lives may faithfully proclaim the Good News with your grace. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Work of the Congregation**

**\*Hymn:** "Never Ending Joy" MV #40

**\*Commissioning / Extinguishing the Candles**

**\*Benediction**

With JOY in our hearts,  
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.  
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

**\* Sung Benediction:** "Go Now In Peace" *Besig & Price*  
*(Accompanied by Four Season Brass Quintet)*

**Postlude - offered by Four Season Brass Quintet**